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Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

To: School Health and Nutrition Program Sponsors

From: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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Date: August 17, 2004

RE: Summer Food Service Program Intercession Site Eligibility

Recently, USDA reissued policy concerning the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) intercession eligibility. This memo is to reiterate and clarify USDA's policy on the length of time a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) site must operate in order to be eligible on the Traditional SFSP or the Seamless Waiver SFSP during intercession breaks.

Traditional School Year Calendar

Schools that operate on a traditional school year calendar may operate the SFSP during summer vacation from May through September. These schools are not eligible to operate the SFSP during other scheduled breaks throughout the year, i.e. Spring Break, Winter Break.

Continuous School Year Calendar

The regulatory definition of a year-round continuous school calendar is one in which a school operates year-round with scheduled breaks lasting at least 15 consecutive school days per break. Schools that participate in a continuous school calendar may operate the SFSP during these scheduled breaks.

However, if it is the policy of the school district to break for shorter periods of time, the district may request a state waiver to operate the SFSP during shorter breaks. For example, if a district participates in a modified year round calendar and has a fall break that is 10 consecutive school days, the district may contact the Arizona Department of Education to request a waiver to operate the SFSP during this time.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact your assigned specialist.

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